



PARENT LEADERSHIP SERIES - REGISTER TODAY!

South Central Region

Manchester, Manchester SAU District Office Conference Room
 Tuesday, March 9, 9 – 2
 Tuesday, March 16, 9 – 2

Lakes Region

Plymouth, Whole Village Family Resource Center
 Tuesday, April 6, 9-2
 Tuesday, April 13, 9-2

Parent Leadership Series

The Parent Leadership Series gives parents of children with disabilities skills to assume leadership positions on their children's school teams and on parent support groups.

Benefits to a District: Develop parents as leaders and:

- Parents will be equipped to help other parents understand and navigate the special education system.
- Parents will understand the district and state system of special education.
- Parents will have the tools to support the district at school board meetings.
- Parents can nurture collaboration among parents and educators.
- Parents will be adept at identifying the school needs and figuring out what needs to be done and who is able to enlist, advocate for, and represent other parents on behalf of the school's students.
- Parents can act as a bridge between educators and parents.
- Parents can work with school administrators and teachers.
- Parents can offer themselves as a resource to teachers and administrators.

Strategies offered by NH Connections are developed research based methods to give parents the skills necessary to make the most of each relationship with educators, school administrators, community members, and other parents.

Parents who wish to become leaders in their school want to know...

- ✓ How does the special education process work and what's my role?
- ✓ How can I develop a shared vision with other partners?
- ✓ How do we develop action plans to address the goals?
- ✓ How do I develop effective strategies to communicate and collaborate?
- ✓ How can I enhance my strategies to understand cultural differences?
- ✓ How can I help the school and develop my skills to work with school personnel?

Components of the Parent Leadership Series include:

The Basics—An Overview of the NH Special Education Process: State & District

This session provides participants with an introduction to the NH special education process. It includes a brief overview of each step, a description of the important role parents have in the process, and how to navigate the special education system in NH and your district. Workshop is designed to explain the host site.

Rising to the Leadership Challenge

Parents will learn to understand and use exemplary leadership practices; develop a shared vision; mobilize and enlist others to act; understand the roles and responsibilities of members within a partnership; and celebrate every success!

Developing Effective Partnership Teams

This session teaches how to set SMART goals; develop effective Action Plans; understand the basic principles of partnership; understand the stages of partnership development; develop strategies for effective communication and collaboration; and obtain official funding and support.

Me, You, Us and Them: Diversity in Practice

The goal of this session is to increase awareness, knowledge and skills required to function effectively in team and community settings with cultural, ethnic, gender and generational differences.

Parents and Educators Working Together

Effective and frequent parent-teacher communication is essential for ensuring your child's academic success. This session teaches parents how to: understand positions vs. interests as a means to mediate conflict; develop a variety of effective home/school communication strategies; and prepare for successful parent/teacher conferences.

Taking the Next Step

The final session will give participants an opportunity to apply what they have learned by choosing a project — large or small — and developing an action plan individually or in partnership with others. We will also celebrate the graduates of the Parent Leadership Series

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARENT INFORMATION CENTER TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION.

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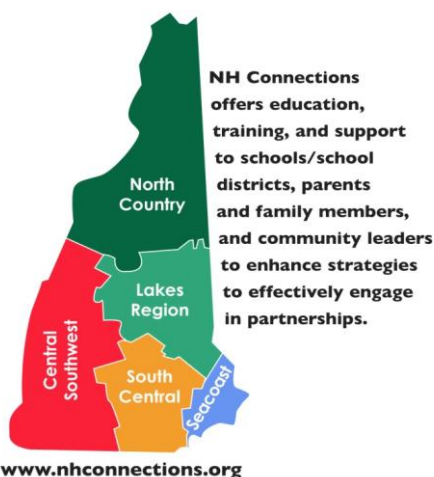
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